# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1388
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INDIANS LANGUISHING IN PAK JAIL
A. VENKATESH NAIK

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item regarding `Indians languishing in Pak jails` appearing in `Dainik Jagaran` dated October 24, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and (

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bring them back?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS( SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH )

(a) Yes.

(b)&(c) Government is aware of ill treatment meted out to Indian prisoners detained in Pakistani jails. Prisoners are released in accordance with established procedure, involving consular identification and nationality verification, after their jail sentence is over. Government have consistently taken up the matter of their early release and repatriation with the Government of Pakistan.